



Community Forums on Jobs & Economic Growth



You are cordially invited to attend one of the two Community Forums on Jobs and Economic Growth hosted by the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington State. USDA is leading an effort nationwide to listen to Rural America's thoughts and ideas about what is needed to create jobs and stimulate economic development in rural communities across the country. These forums follow the lead of President Obama's December 3, 2009, national roundtable discussion.

Please attend and share your thoughts and ideas about job creation and economic growth. Your input and participation at one of the following Community Forums would be greatly appreciated.

Western Washington

Tuesday, January 26
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Cowlitz Regional Conference Center
1900 7th Avenue
Longview, WA 98632

Eastern Washington

Thursday, January 28
6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Perry Technical Institute Auditorium
2011 W. Washington Ave.
Yakima, WA 98903

Why The Forum?

USDA is compiling a report on what is needed to create jobs and stimulate growth in rural America. The actual agenda is very brief and speakers will be experts in key economic areas. The presentations are to be short and help stimulate discussion from the audience and what can be done.

What To Expect?

The sessions will be in a simple town hall format. There is no charge to attend the session. There will be no keynote speakers. The only thing USDA requests from participants is they are encouraged to share their thoughts on what can be done to stimulate rural Washington's economy and that they allow others the same opportunity to do so. The effectiveness of the forums will be based on the amount of input received from the audience.

Who Should Attend?

The forums are open to the public. Everyone who has ideas on how to improve the economy is welcome to participate including, state, local and tribal government; private industry, small business owners, entrepreneurs, academia, and concerned citizens.

For More Information

Just follow the "Washington Jobs and Economic Growth Forums" link at the following website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa>. If you have any questions about the Community Forums, please contact either:

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